

Remarks

In these amendments, the Examiner's suggestion for allowable matter has been used, by adding the matter of claim 5 to independent method claim 1, and making a corresponding amendment to independent apparatus claim 11. Claim 5 has been deleted, but claim 12 has been retained as it uses "means" language and therefore may have a different scope than the claim it depends on, claim 11, which does not have such language.

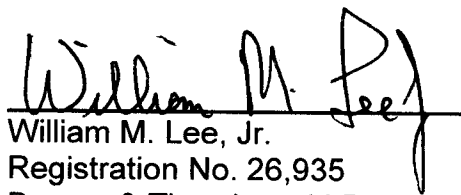
Minor amendments have been made to claims 1, 11 and 13 to meet the formal points noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner is kindly asked to confirm that he agrees with Applicant's arguments regarding the subject matter indicated to be allowable despite the comments in the final sentence of the Examiner's Response to Argument section of the Office Action dated May 9, 2006.

All the points raised have been dealt with, all the claims are submitted to be allowable and reconsideration is requested.

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